

VETOES

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that this Act apply retroactively, now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5-108.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ASBESTOS" INCLUDES:

(I) A FIBROUS MATERIAL MADE OF CALCIUM AND MAGNESIUM SILICATE; AND

(II) ANY ONE OF A GROUP OF NATURALLY OCCURRING HYDRATED MINERAL SILICATES OF THE AMPHIBOLE OR SERPENTINE SERIES THAT ARE CHARACTERIZED BY FIBERS OR BUNDLES OF FINE SINGLE CRYSTAL FIBRILS.

(3) "DISEASE" MEANS:

(I) A MORBUS;

(II) AN ILLNESS;

(III) A SICKNESS; OR

(IV) AN INTERRUPTION, CESSATION, OR DISORDER OF BODY FUNCTIONS, SYSTEMS, OR ORGANS.

(4) "LATENT" MEANS:

(I) NOT VISIBLE OR MANIFEST, BUT POTENTIALLY DISCERNIBLE;

(II) POTENTIAL;

(III) PRESENT, BUT NOT ACTIVE; OR

(IV) EXISTING IN A HIDDEN, INACTIVE, OR UNDEVELOPED FORM.

(5) (I) "MANUFACTURER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS A DESIGNER, ASSEMBLER, FABRICATOR, CONSTRUCTOR, COMPOUNDER, PRODUCER, OR PROCESSOR OF AN ARTICLE OR THE COMPONENT PARTS OF AN ARTICLE.

(II) "MANUFACTURER" INCLUDES A PERSON, NOT OTHERWISE A MANUFACTURER, WHO: